IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-9 (Canceled).

Claim 10 (Currently Amended) A first [[An]] image formation apparatus connected to at least a second one other image formation apparatus such that data communications can be executed between the image formation apparatuses, said first image formation apparatus comprising:

a reading unit configured to read an image of a document;

a printing unit configured to print the read image of the document;

a display unit configured to display keys to select a function; and

a controller configured to execute a link copy mode in which the read image is transferred to said second other image formation apparatus to share printing of the read image with the first image formation apparatus and said second other image formation apparatus,

wherein the first image forming apparatus is configured to not display in a link copy mode only keys for a key to permit selection of usable functions an unusable function in the link copy mode after the link copy mode has been selected, the usable functions unusable function being functions a function which both either the first image formation apparatus and [[or]] the second other image formation apparatus are able is unable to execute.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended) The first image formation apparatus according to the claim 10, wherein the function comprises a staple function.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended) The <u>first</u> image formation apparatus according to the claim 10, wherein said <u>first</u> image formation apparatus is connected to said <u>second</u> ~~other~~ image formation apparatus peer to peer.

Claim 13 (Currently Amended) An image formation system having a link copy mode in which, of a plurality of image formation apparatuses connected to each other for enabling data communications, an image formation apparatus functioning as a master machine reads an image of a document to be copied, the read image is transferred to at least one other image formation apparatus functioning as a slave machine, and printing of the read image is shared by said master machine and said slave machine,

wherein <u>each</u> ~~said~~ slave machine is configured to report functions available in said slave machine to said master machine, and said master machine is configured to ~~not~~ display in a link copy mode <u>only keys which</u> ~~a key to~~ permit selection of <u>usable functions</u> ~~an unusable function~~ in the link copy mode after the link copy mode has been selected, <u>usable functions</u> ~~the unusable function~~ being <u>functions</u> ~~a function~~ which <u>all of</u> ~~either~~ the master machine <u>and each</u> [[or the]] slave machine <u>are able</u> ~~is unable~~ to execute.

Claim 14 (Previously Presented) The image formation system according to the claim 13, wherein the functions comprise a staple function.

Claim 15 (Previously Presented) The image formation system according to the claim 13, wherein said master machine is connected to the slave machine peer to peer.

Claims 16-140 (Canceled).